

Spring Cleaning

The Human System Needs It.

Mrs. M. Morgan, 411 Fourth Ave., E. Brainerd, Minn., writes: "I take from one to two bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla in the spring to purify the blood just as regularly as I do my house-cleaning, and go around light-footed and light-hearted. I believe it is the best blood purifier known." Hood's Sarsaparilla so combines the curative principles of roots, barks and herbs as to raise them to their highest efficiency; hence its great record.

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AGED SCULPTOR DIES AT HIS HOME

William L. Sheppard, Designer of Confederate Monuments, Passes Away.

William Ludwell Sheppard, a widely known artist and sculptor, died at his home, 18 West Grace Street, last night at 10 o'clock. A veteran of the Confederate service, he was the designer of four of the monuments to the Confederacy in Richmond, and won wide distinction by his drawings of Confederate soldiers in uniforms and attitudes marking the various branches of the service.

He designed the Howitzer, A. P. Hill and Governor William Smith statues and the monument to Confederate soldiers and sailors in Libby Hill Park. Mr. Sheppard was widely known in artistic circles, having studied in this country and abroad, and in his young days won a high place as a magazine illustrator and cartoonist. With a turn for literature as well as art, he had taken a lead in artistic and cultured circles in Richmond through a generation, never swerving from his devotion to the memory of the Confederacy, and giving his best talents to the perpetuation of that memory in his drawings and in his numerous articles contributed to the Century and other magazines, some of them illustrated with freehand sketches made on the battlefield and preserved in his knapsack during trying days.

Native of Richmond.

Mr. Sheppard was a native of Richmond, and had a wide circle of relatives, being connected with many of the older families of the city.

From his early boyhood he showed aptitude and fondness for artistic work, and it was his desire on leaving school to make art his chosen profession. The turn of circumstances threw him into mercantile life. In his leisure moments, however, even as a young man, he designed commercial labels for tobacco manufacturers which attracted wide attention.

Some of these attracted the attention of a New York artist, a son of Audubon, the naturalist, and he induced Mr. Sheppard to go to New York to continue his artistic studies. There he turned his attention to designing illustrated works for magazines, lithographs and literary work. He was fast gaining a place of distinction in the ranks of his profession when the War Between the States broke out, and he at once returned to Virginia to enter the Confederate army, enlist in the Richmond Howitzers, with which organization he served to the end of the war. After the war he resumed his profession as an illustrator, but desiring to take up a broader field of art, in 1870 he went

to Europe, where he studied for several years under celebrated masters, both in painting and sculpture. His work was always marked by originality and boldness, and he showed in his later years an ability to design equal in genius to his other artistic accomplishments.

Four Famous Monuments.

The designer of valuable bronze pieces in other cities, his first effort in this city was the monument to Major-General A. P. Hill, standing on the Hermitage Road just outside of the city, on the spot where General Hill formed his famous Light Brigade in protection of Richmond. The Hill Monument was unveiled May 30, 1891.

More than a year later Mr. Sheppard completed the monument erected in the triangular plot at Park Avenue and Harrison Street, erected by the Howitzer Association to the memory of the member of the Howitzer Battalion killed during the war. The monument represents a gunner standing at position by his gun, and was designed from life by Mr. Sheppard, who had served four years in the battery, and whose tribute to his fallen comrades was largely a labor of love.

It was unveiled December 13, 1892. Sheppard also designed the bronze figure in Richmond is that overlooking James River to the memory of the soldiers and sailors of the Confederacy. The bronze figure of the soldier stands on a granite reproduction of Pompey's Pillar, near Alexandria, Egypt, both figure and monument being designed by Mr. Sheppard. It was unveiled at a great Confederate Reunion in Richmond on May 30, 1894. Mr. Sheppard also designed the statue of Governor William Smith, unveiled May 30, 1894.

Other Artistic Work.

In more recent years Mr. Sheppard had won note in colored drawing, his three companion figures of the Confederate soldier, the artilleryman, the cavalryman and the infantryman having been widely copied in this country and abroad. His work as an illustrator had been in great demand, and he was time and again urged to take up his residence in New York, but he preferred to live in his native city. His contributions to the Century War Papers, both of articles and sketches, give a wonderful insight into the actual life of a soldier on the field of war.

In recent years gradually failing health had so taxed his strength that he had been obliged to retire, and he had been confined at his home in Richmond, surrounded by his family and friends.

No arrangements for the funeral have been announced.

URGED TO CATCH DRIVER

Major Werner Offers Vacation to Officers Making Arrest.

Several clutches of mail, possibly lead to the identity of the automobile driver who ran over Carl Ruehmund, on March 16, and was followed by patrolmen and detectives.

To spur his men to greater efforts and to supplement the reward of \$100 on March 16, Major Werner yesterday announced that to the man who succeeds in capturing the person who drove the automobile which ran over Ruehmund, he would give five days' vacation with full pay.

The condition of Mr. Ruehmund last night was slightly improved.

STATE CONVENTION GOES TO NORFOLK

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valued in that city from time immemorial—treatment such as one German has a right to expect of another when visiting him at his invitation. The amendment inserting Newport News was rejected overwhiningly, and without further debate the whole series of resolutions providing for the convention was adopted unanimously, the Newport News adherents falling peacefully in line. There was no other business, and the committee adjourned twenty minutes after it had been called to order.

Holds Balance of Power.

In small groups scattered through the hotel, local, State and national politics were discussed informally, and from a most optimistic viewpoint. Leaders were averse to expressing themselves on the presidential situation, save to express great hopes of a Democratic victory, and the prediction was freely made that the Virginia delegation to the national convention would go to Baltimore untroubled, and would there to a large extent wield the balance of power.

Several district committee meetings were held, either just before or just after the meeting of the State Central

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Virginia—Increasing cloudiness Wednesday; Thursday rain. North Carolina—Fair, warmer Wednesday; Thursday rain except fair near the coast.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.

12 noon temperature 56
P. M. temperature 59
Maximum temperature up to 8 P. M. 60
Minimum temperature up to 8 P. M. 32
Mean temperature 46
Normal temperature 50
Deficiency in temperature 4
Excess in temperature 3
Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1, 1912 625
Excess in rainfall since March 1, 1912 4.10
Accum. excess in rainfall since January 1, 1912 3.97
Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday:
Temperature 41
Humidity 60
Wind direction S. E.
Wind velocity 15
Weather Clear

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Place. Ther. H. T. I. T. Weather.

Ashville 52 58 20 Clear

Atlanta 52 58 20 Clear

Boston 32 38 24 Cloudy

Buffalo 24 36 26 Cloudy

Calgary 48 52 30 Clear

Chicago 42 44 36 Cloudy

Denver 24 40 30 Cloudy

Elkhart 24 36 26 Cloudy

Galveston 60 64 30 Clear

Hatteras 60 62 30 P. cloudy

Havre 60 62 30 P. cloudy

Jacksonville 60 62 30 Clear

Kansas City 60 62 30 P. cloudy

Louisville 52 60 40 Clear

Montgomery 62 64 41 Clear

New Orleans 70 72 30 Clear

New York 50 52 30 Clear

Norfolk 60 62 30 Clear

Okla. City 62 64 40 Cloudy

Pittsburgh 48 52 30 Clear

Raleigh 58 60 40 Clear

St. Louis 48 54 42 Clear

San Francisco 62 64 50 Cloudy

Savannah 60 62 30 Cloudy

Spokane 60 62 30 Clear

Tampa 60 62 30 Clear

Winnipeg 56 58 34 Cloudy

Wyntheville 46 54 32 Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

March 27, 1912.

High Tide.

Morning 11:44

Evening 6:27

Run rises 6:04

Run sets 6:27

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